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In-class assembly fights harassment

Organizers hail previously postponed discussions on sensitivity successful

BY BRIAN SIMMONDS

Reactions to Tuesday' s Every Student Safe Commission student- led, in- class presentations on sexual minority safety varied greatly from class to class.

"It worked pretty well, but I wish more people would have participated," commented freshman Rayth Myers.

The primarily student- planned assemblies were sought by the ESSC following a series of harassment and graffiti incidents that occurred earlier in the year. The programs were originally scheduled for Dec. 13, but were postponed by the staff until this week to allow better planning of the event.

"I think we achieved the goals of demystifying the issue and increasing awareness of homophobic harassment at Lincoln," said presenter and ESSC member Katherine Kasameyer.

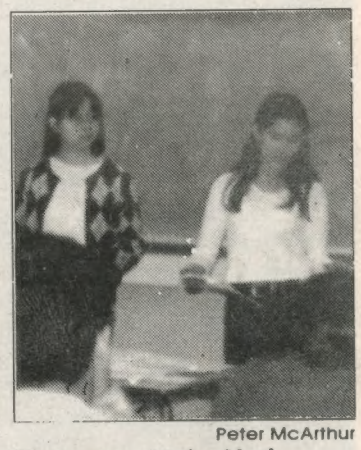
The assemblies began with student presenters recapping this year's harassment and reporting the findings of social science researchers, including that gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth are at a two to six times higher risk of suicide than their heterosexual peers. Following that introduction, class discussions filled the remainder of the 45- minute period.

According to student body vice president Jason Franklin, "The best thing about it was that it got people talking about the issue; whatever their reaction to the presentation."

Some classes yielded sparse discussion. However, those who planned the discussions were still satisfied with the results.

"The most positive thing I' ve heard, is that students are learning how to interrupt inappropriate and offensive remarks," said counselor Joyce Liljeholm.

"It's a place to begin," added ESSC member Alison Duren-Sutherland. "We haven' t solved anything yet, but we' ve started. We set a precedent for actually doing something."



Peter McArthur

Listen up: Junior Linda Chung and Senior Austin Smith lead a discussion in John Bogue's class.

GETTING ALL THE FACTS

Marcie Epperson

Magnet Night sheds light on Lincoln

ISC welcomes eighth-graders and parents

BY NICK BIANCHI

Over 900 eighth graders and parents from West Sylvan and other middle schools around the city visited Lincoln last Tuesday to learn more about programs and courses offered at the school.

"I hope that it gives information for both West Sylvan students and parents and students and parents from other schools about what Lincoln has to offer," said ISC coordinator Helen Lawrence.

The opening program consisted of speeches by Lincoln staff members and Student Body President Tawan Davis explaining ISC and other Lincoln pro-

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QUICK TAKE

Over 900 students and parents attended Magnet Night. Eighty ISC students and 10 administrative transfers will be accepted. Last year, 100 ISC students were accepted.

Climate committee rethinks closing halls

BY NICK BIANCHI

The Climate Committee met with student leaders last week to discuss solutions to the problem of trash in the halls.

"It's really like vandalism," said committee chairman Allan Ellis. "Students not really caring about the mess they leave for others to clean up to other problems."

The Climate Committee decided that if students could not be persuaded to clean up after themselves, the halls should be closed during lunch. According to Ellis, Principal Velma Johnson has deemed hall closures during lunchtime not to be an option, because it would require more lunch periods. In addition, the overcrowding in the cafeteria would put the school in an untenable position for liability, he said.

"We don't want to make this into a threatening thing; we want to make it an opportunity to celebrate a campus we can be proud of."

Allan Ellis
CLIMATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Suggestions for possible solutions included an awareness campaign offered by Student Body President Tawan Davis, and an assembly suggested by student council. Faculty members of the Climate Committee also articulated a plan for reg. room presentations on hallway messes.

It was also suggested that 10 minutes be taken before fifth period classes for teachers to take their students into the halls to clean up the garbage in the vicinity of their rooms.

Ellis suggested that students with cameras photograph the messes made by students during lunch to document the problem. "I think (students taking pictures) would help more people become aware of the problem," said Ellis. "We don't want to make this into a threatening thing. We want to make it into an opportunity to celebrate a campus we can all be proud of."

Students begin college preparations

BY AARON GREEN-MITCHELL

The scoop on colleges is being made available to sophomores and their parents Feb. 19 in the auditorium at 7 p. m. The Evening will focus on what students can do in high school to prepare for college, including advice on choosing classes and extracurricular activities. College counselor Nick Sky gave his first presentation to juniors Feb. 5.

In the junior program, Sky spoke about a variety of college-related topics, including financial aid, testing, choosing a school, and the resources available to Lincoln students.

Sky suggested that students interested in prep courses check with the district's Talented and Gifted office and also with Portland Community College. At the same time, however, he questioned the value of such courses. "Two or three years ago, they re- did the Scholastic Aptitude Tests to fix it so that kids who took prep courses wouldn't have an advantage," he noted. "These courses tend to help the kids who would score high more than the kids that would score low." Sky added that students in the school's free or reduced lunch programs also qualified for reduced rates on the SAT.

"I see a lot of kids coming back and saying that they were prepared academically but not socially."

Nick Sky
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Sky stressed the importance of remaining calm under the pressures of college planning and realizing every person isn't going to make it in top private schools. "I see a lot of kids coming back and saying that they were prepared academically but not socially," he explained. "They miss Portland and their families and friends. Many of them end up going down to Univerity of Oregon." Sky also suggested students look into Portland State University's Honors Program, not-

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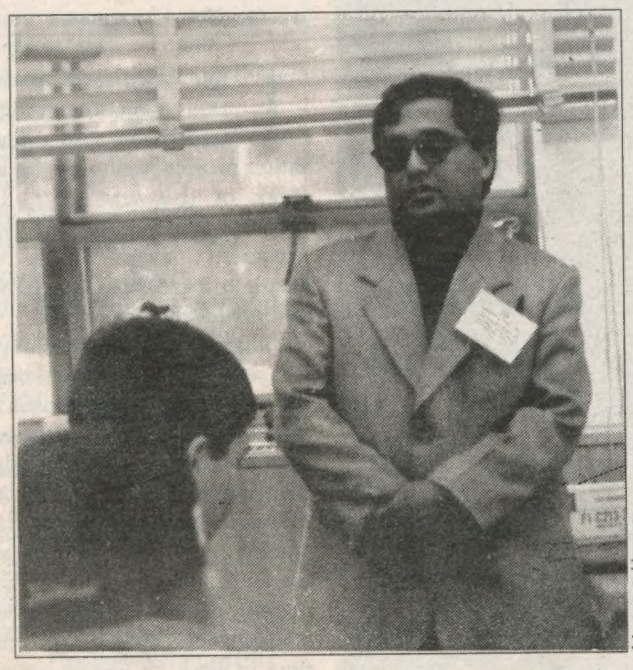

Morgan Harvey

Visitors from afar: Damber Dhwoj Basyal of Nepal visited Lincoln Tuesday, Feb. 4 along with travelers from Belarus, Jamaica, and Swaziland. The visitors were able to attend Lincoln through the World Affairs Council and International Studies Center.

CARDINAL shorts

TOP SCHOLARS NOMINATED

Four Lincoln students have been declared candidates for the Presidential Scholars Program. Seniors Daniel Pollack-Pelzner, Noah Teicher, Hoon-Jung Kim, and Jenna Burrel lqualified for the national program that is meant to recognize top high school students. Students qualify initially through high Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. Qualifiers then send in copies of their transcripts. The selection board also looks at students' community and school involvement. "This program is to recognize the brightest high schoolers nationwide," said Lincoln Counselor Karen Moriarty. In May, two finalists from each state are chosen to go to Washington D. C. Those two students then nominate a teacher who accompanies them to a reception in the White House in June.

SPEECH TRIUMPHS AT LINFIELD

The forensics team chalked up another title as it defeated 37 Oregon schools to win the Linfield College Invitational tournament last weekend in McMinnville.

"This victory has given us momentum going into the national qualifying tournament and the state championships," said Policy Debate captain Brian Simmonds.

Senior Aaron Knott and junior Emily Cordo shared the varsity values debate title, closing out the tournament, while sophomore Sydney Edlund-Jermain won the junior varsity division. Freshman Rebecca Allen also won junior After-Dinner Speaking.

The team won 14 trophies at the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE LOAD LIGHTENED

The task of supervising after-school extra curricular activities falls within the job description of the school administration. Recently, due to the reduction of one of Lincoln's four vice principals, the remaining three must shoulder the burden of the lost position. "Since we lost Ray Johnson, the supervisory responsibility on us administrators has really increased," commented Vice Principal Paul Erickson.

In response to the added burden on the vice principals, the regional office, which services Lincoln, Roosevelt, and feeder schools, has made funds available to employ those with teaching certificates extra responsibility pay to supervise extracurricular activities. The teachers will be paid $16.95 per hour plus fringe benefits.

CARDINAL dates

FEBRUARY

15 • Sophomore Semi-formal
8 p.m., Smith Ballroom
Portland State University

17 • No school
Presidents' Day

19 • Sophomore College Parent Night
7 p.m., auditorium

20-22 • "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"
7:30 p.m., auditorium

21 • Black History Assembly
"B" schedule

22 • City dance competition
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Cleveland High School

26 • Site Council
5-7 p.m., Rm. 115

27-28 • "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"
7:30 p.m., auditorium

28 • Project Second Wind
"B" schedule

Booster Club Auction helps fund activities

BY NOLAN LIENHART

The annual Booster Club Auction Italian Dinner last Saturday was deemed a success by club members after the event raised approximately $50,000 for Lincoln activities and sports.

More than 425 people attended the function, which was held at PSU's Smith Center. "We had great participation of students and parents, who both bought and donated." said Booster Club president Gordon Allen. "It was a team effort with a wonderful result." Entertainment was provided by The Johnettes, a singing sextet assembled for the fall production of "The Relapse."

"An evening of cigars and port for 10," brought $1250, and $5,000 was raised toward the purchase of an Electronic Library, an internet documentation service to go in the library. "It was a maginficent evening," said Administrative Vice Principal Paul Erickson; "a night of fun warmth and caring demonstrated by students, parents, and staff; all part of the Lincoln family, working for a terrific cause."

Many students, including the cheerleading squad, helped with the event by setting up, selling drinks, scrip and balloons, and running other fundraising venues.

Marcie Epperson

So many choices: Attendees at last week's auction pore over lists of items available for bidding.

COLLEGE: Extra-curricular activities recommended

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ing that it is nationally recognized.

Sky informed the audience that many schools are actively recruiting minority students. He also said that while these students may be offered good financial aid packages, there is still plenty of money for non-minority students. Sky was critical of private financial aid counselors, saying, "Stay away from them. They charge up to $2,000 for things you can do yourself in our library. The government is investigating them for ripping people off."

Sky recommended that students applying to colleges narrow the list of schools they want to attend to five or six. He also advised that those who are applying to top schools need to be aware that while high grades and SAT scores are good to have, colleges also want students who participate in extra-curricular activities. The activities most favored by colleges are those that benefit the community, according to Sky. "Colleges want scholars that will be givers," he said. "They want to see people who are passionate about something. I have kids come to me with lists three pages long of activities; that's not what colleges want. They see this and question how deeply someone could be involved in so many things. The best way is to find something that excites you, not to try to do as many things as you can."

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>
> Nick Sky
> COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Throughout the presentation, Sky pointed out a wide variety of informational materials available at Lincoln. "We've really got a lot of information available in the library and the counseling office," he said.

ISC: Increased housing leads to admissions cuts

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Johnson and Curriculum Vice Principal Sandra Page indicated that the programs presented may subject to change by budget adjustments. Information on various programs was given in five 10-minute sessions. Various clubs and special interest group presented their programs in the halls as students and parents moved between classrooms.

The possiblity of budget cuts added a degree of uncertainty to the programs being presented. Both Johnson and Page are optimistic with regards to the budget situation for next year. "I am still hoping that we will have to make no cuts," said Johnson. "Until I hear otherwise, I will anticipate that we will be funded to the 95-96 level." Page added, "Last year was bad enough; I hope we will never have another year like that."

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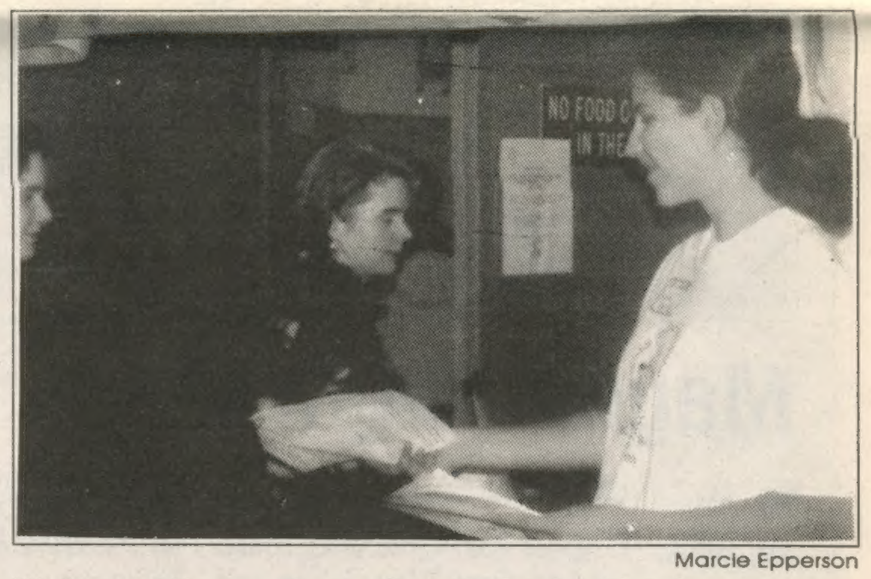
> Sandra Page
> CURRICULUM VICE PRINCIPAL

ISC will accept 80 new students this year along with 10 administrative transfers. ISC accepted 100 new students and no administrative transfers. According to Page, the reduction in students accepted is attributable to an increase in growth of the Lincoln attendance area. Two thousand new housing permits were issued last year. "I think that as the years progress, growth will increase at what I would call astronomical rates," said Page.

ISC applications are reviewed by a team of administrators. All neighborhood and racial minority applicants who meet the basic academic requirements are accepted. Non-minority, non-neighborhood applicants are classified in groups from the most qualified to the least. The final cut is made through a lottery weighted towards the more qualified applicants.



Marcie Epperson

Welcome Wagon: Senior Sara Barker hands information to eighth graders attending Tuesday's magnet night.

Student government strives for more involvement

BY NOLAN LIENHART

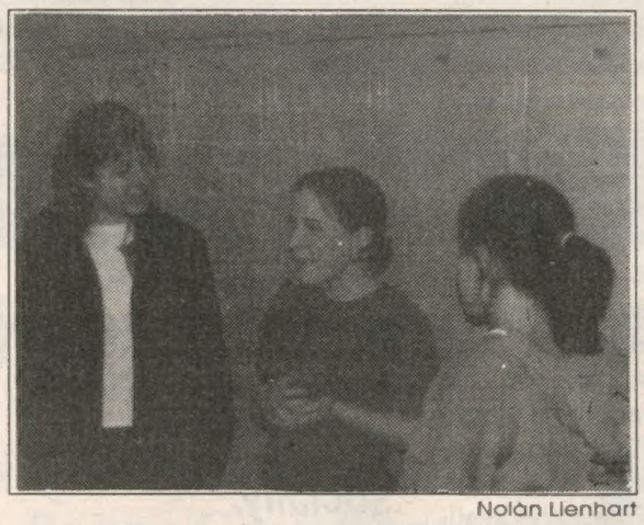
The Associated Student Body Executive Council undertook a re-organization project beginning the first week of the semester. The project, led by Student Body President Tawan Davis, was aimed at increasing productivity and achievement of goals.

Starting with the first day of this semester, the council began brainstorming for unfulfilled aspirations and goals that would help to achieve greater student involvement and better representation of all students. "Each and every one of us made promises and condemned bureaucracy to get elected or appointed," commented Davis, "and come time to work, it was business as usual."

A committee responsible for the execution of second semester goals was formed during the reorganization.

Among proposed goals were: increased communication with the student body and representation through class forums and assembly surveys, increased participation by all students through activities, and more focus in Executive Council. The plan is to be completed by following a list of objectives and strategies.

Most changes made were small, but larger changes included moving General Assembly, the forum for reg. room reps and other interested students, to Wednesday lunches in an effort to increase GA attendance to 50 students. Last week only 11 reg. room reps attended. Council members also proposed canvassing the halls by class reps and Executive officers. "We've got to make a connection with a wider range of students," said ASB Vice President Jason Franklin. "The best way to do that is to walk the halls and meet everyone." A monthly breakfast will be held to honor students who have made significant progress and are nominated by their teachers. In an effort to strenghthen lines of communication, written weekly reg. room updates of student council activities will return to the GA format.



Nolan Lienhart

Talking it over: Seniors Mara Kennedy, Lisa Rosenbaum, and Junior Julia Morrissey discuss issues facing the Executive Council.

Marcie Epperson

Get the beat: Sophomores Nick Failing, Scott Collinson, and Carlos Blanco play their drums at lunch during Arts Week.

Arts Week draws to an end

BY MIKHAEL ROMAIN

Every year Lincoln devotes one week to spotlighting the arts. Art teacher Connie Speros and Lincoln's student art community get the chance to display their work in the forms of paintings, music, and other media during lunch.

Arts Week, which is funded by the PTA, allows the student body to try its hand at everything from fingerpainting to calligraphy. Each day, a different activity is offered at lunch.

This year, events included a Polyglot reading, enthusiastic drummers and jazzy musicians.

> "We showed the love and the joy of Valentines Day spirit, and all the beautiful talent that Lincoln has to offer."
>
> *- Finda Yambasu*
> *sophomore*

> "It's neat that the Arts Department is intercorellating itself with the Lincoln community."
>
> *- Farleigh Wolfe*
> *senior*

> "The drums nearly made me deaf."
>
> *- Nels Overgaard-Cook*
> *junior*

Marcie Epperson

Picture perfect: Students work on a piece of art during a lunch-time activity.

'Miss Brodie' struts her stuff

BY MATT HICKEY

The second major drama production of the year, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," which premieres Feb. 20, will employ a unique way of seating the audience known as 3/4-round seating. Instead of using the auditorium seats, an extension has been built off from the front of the stage. The audience will also sit along the sides of the stage, enclosing the actors from three sides.

"Brodie" is the first time this kind of seating has ever been used at Lincoln.

> ***"This play is really intense, because the audience is part of it."***
>
> Jessica Joy
> SENIOR

Due to the change, fewer people will be able to attend the play. Seating will be available for only 120, as opposed to ordinary auditorium seating which holds 400. The 3/4-round seating will also be used for the play after "Brodie."

The play features over 30 actors, including seniors Jessica Joy and Dave Peixotto, and juniors Anna Campbell and Ted Dervin.

"The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" involves an interview with a nun as to why she has published a book. As an explanation, she tells of her life growing up in Scotland. She had a teacher, Miss Jean Brodie, who greatly influenced her life. Jean Brodie wasn't a typical teacher, and the way she taught could be seen as either good or damaging to the student. It is similar to the 1992 film "Dead Poet's Society" in that it questions when, as a teacher, it is okay to take risks and when it is necessary to play by the rules.

After "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," the advanced drama class will produce "Still Life," to be directed by Dave Peixotto. The last major drama production of the year will be "Pippen," directed by Jim Peerenboom. School-wide auditions for the musical will take place this month. Anyone is encouraged to audition.

All showings of "Miss Brodie" start at 7:30 pm. Cost is $5 for adults and $4 for students and senior citizens.

Peter McArthur

Break a leg: The cast for "Miss Brodie" rehearses for its opening performance. The drama department's newest production opens Feb. 20.

JUST THE FACTS, PLEASE

- Playing Feb. 20-22, 27, 28, & March 1
- Shows start at 7:30 p.m.
- Cost is $5 for adults and $4 for students and senior citizens.

THE entertainment STRIP

★★ dante's peak

Following in the footsteps of 1996's "Twister," "Dante's Peak" relives Mt. St. Helens eruption, Hollywood-style. Dodging streams of lava and acid, Pierce Brosnan as vulcanologist is put in the heat of action when the mayor's kids are discovered missing on Mt. Dante. Constant action overrides unrealistic special effects, making yet another disaster flick worth the ride.

★★★★ star wars

Lincoln students packed the Broadway Metroplex on the opening day of "Star Wars": A New Hope. Students went for the big, big screen. They went for the new special effects. They went for Mark Hamill. Or they went because everyone else did. If you didn't get to join in with the opening-day fanaticism the first time around, see it anyway and don't fret; "Return of the Jedi" opens a week from today in all its digitized glory. Afternoon classes will be empty, and the Metroplex will be sold out by break. Where will you be?

★★★ ti-85 web

The Internet, like Lincoln High School, is essentially a gathering place for people who play games on graphing calculators. A motherlode of these programs are available electronically; some are infantile, simplistic, and buggy, others are so slick and complex that they make Pole Position V on Nintendo 64 look like home-brew checkers on an Atari 2600.

One typical TI-85 games page lists its contents: "Programs useful for maths and other subjects: None yet! Other: None yet! Games: Asteroids, Doom, etc.," and goes on to list hundreds of downloadable and entertaining programs.

The center for this movement is located at **www.ticalc.org**, where you can check the progress on a new games for TI-82 and TI-83 calculators. Warning: An adaptor is required to download these programs.

SUPER 7

Worst Ways to say, "I Love You"

7 Dedicate a Michael Bolton song to him/her on Z-100.

6 "Are you going to eat that?"

5 "The others meant nothing."

4 A membership to the Meat of the Month Club.

3 Carve your lovers name in your arm.

2 Read to him/her a love poem in ebonics.

1 Sending "Happy V. D." with a valentine-o-gram.

HAVE LOCAL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE A TEENAGER? (I.E. YOU WERE FORCED TO CHECK YOUR BACKPACK AT THE COUNTER OF BOB'S FOODMART WHILE A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN CARRIED A DUFFEL BAG THROUGH THE STORE,LOOTING AND TERRORIZING OTHER CUSTOMERS) WHAT STORES GIVE STUDENT DISCOUNTS? (I.E. 20% OFF IF YOU SHOW YOUR STUDENT I.D. OR SING THE SCHOOL FIGHT SONG.) NAME NAMES AS THE CARDINAL TIMES RATES LOCAL BUSINESSES ON STUDENT-FRIENDLINESS. DROP YOUR STORIES OF POST-ADOLESCENT EXPERIENCES WITH CAPITALISM IN MR. BAILEY'S BOX IN THE OFFICE BEFORE THE IDES OF MARCH.

Reality bites

Magnet Night promises eighth graders what it can't deliver

Reality can be cruel. Hundreds of 8th grade students from all over the city spilled into the halls of Lincoln last Tuesday to sample the myriad opportunities offered to them should they be so fortunate as to attend as freshmen next year.

While a good portion of those in attendance were from West Sylvan and live in Lincoln's attendance area, the number of interested students from outside Lincoln's attendance boundaries far exceeded the approximately 80 openings to be offered by the ISC magnet.

Zealous 8th graders were teased by the assortment of clubs, ISC offerings, and the outstanding academic program, among other activities. They were given a brief peek into the wonders of Lincoln life, yet sadly, most of them will not be offered admission for the upcoming year.

Is it right to flaunt our school's virtues before eager 8th graders, knowing that in reality not all of them will be able to partake in what they are witnessing?

While ISC certainly can' t be blamed for the popularity of living in the West Hills, rejection letters will still be piling up in the mailboxes of disappointed eighth graders.

Eighth graders take warning: Rejection letters are just another part of reality.

Safety first

ESSC assemblies evade the issue

Student leaders, with the support of the staff and administration, made a bold and brave attempt Tuesday to create a more accepting school environment for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students.

The presentations left something to be desired.

While the Every Student Safe Commission's goals and initiative should be applauded, the in- class presentations left something to be desired. In order to even begin the enormous task of reversing the societal bias against homosexuality, more fundamental change is needed.

The only practical, long-term solution is to infuse comprehensive and accurate information into the curriculum. Health and literature classes are good examples where issues concerning homosexuality could be explored within the academic framework.

Only then can we hope to provide a truly accepting school environment for every student.

THUMBS UP TO:

- ❖ Abe Lincoln: Happy birthday to the tall guy who shares our school's name! The big 187!

THUMBS DOWN TO:

- ❖ Sophomore Semi theme: If we were meant to live under the sea, why, we'd have gills.

YOU TILT THE THUMB ON:

- ❖ Cherry flavored bagels in the cafeteria: Yes, they taste great - but hot pink bagels?
- ❖ Match Maker: Good for a few laughs, but isn't there a better way to find a date?
- ❖ Climate Committee: We're glad you're not closing the halls; but could you make up your mind?

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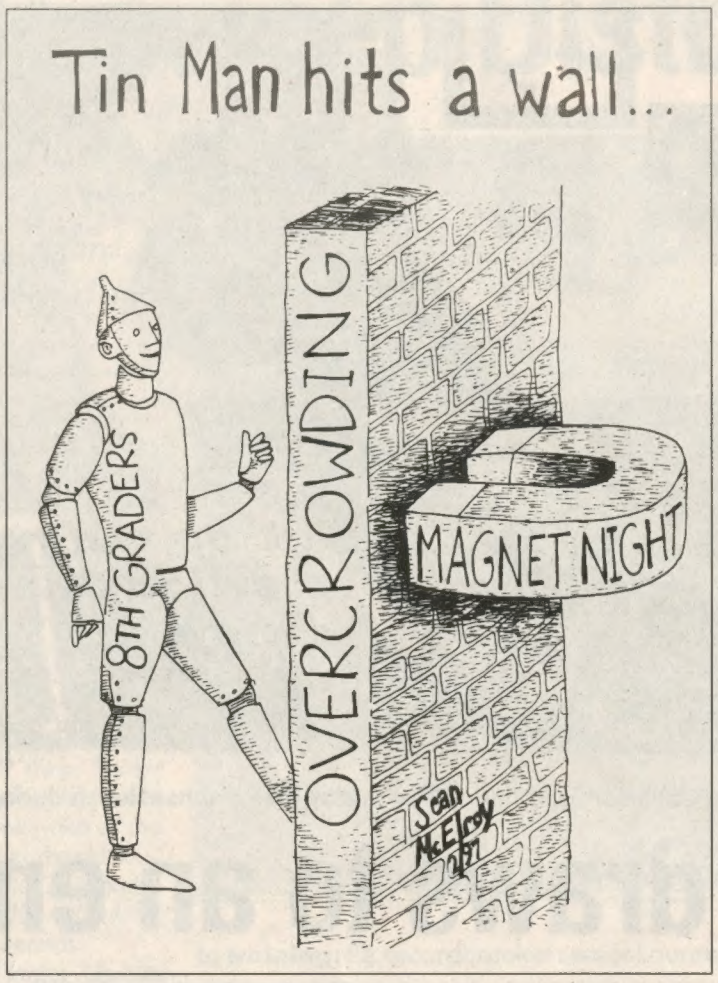


CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Salaries over students

STACY Humes-Schulz

All Laura Mitchell, age seven, wants is to attain a perfect attendance record for her elementary school career.

Unfortunately, because of the teacher strike in the Sandy schools, she may not be able to do so. Teachers picket around the building, substitutes hide their faces and use pseudonyms to prevent identification, and security guards stand by on watch to ensure the strike remains nonviolent.

One has to wonder if this is the right environment for a second grader like Laura.

The teachers' strike stems from, in part, the district's unwillingness to offer the teachers the pay raise they have been requesting. But in striking, the teachers are not threatening the district but are denying thousands of students the education they justly deserve. While only several days of school were officially cancelled due to the strike, one cannot realistically expect students to adequately learn in such an emotionally charged and potentially dangerous atmosphere.

Although I respect and encourage the teachers' requests for pay raise, I question their judgment in enacting a strike order. This is only faulting the students for what the teachers feel the district should do.

Students are not responsible for ensuring fair and reasonable salaries for the teachers, yet by leaving work, the teachers are holding students accountable.

The strike, unfortunately, is not affecting the district officials as much as it is reaching the students. While the superintendent and others are obviously very involved, I ask you this: When they retire to sleep tonight with the prospect of striking again on Monday floating through their minds, who will be more unnerved: the school board or Laura Mitchell?

CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

Tougher laws can save lives

Keren L. Holtz died on Monday, Feb. 3. The previous Saturday she had been cycling alone on Northeast Marine Drive, when she was struck from behind by an automobile piloted by an unlicensed, uninsured driver who later admitted he had consumed at least eight beers. The suspect, Samuel Gonzalez Lopez, was arraigned last week on charges of second degree manslaughter and driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII).

ZACH Vanderkooy

Although I never knew Holtz personally, I had seen her many times at local cycling events. She was recognized as one of the top female cyclists in the state. The news of her death was particularly frightening, because I have ridden on that same stretch of Marine Drive many times myself.

But what's even more frightening is the pathetically weak sentence Lopez is likely to receive if he is convicted. According to Mark Ginsburg, attorney and teammate of Keren's, a "man 2" (second degree manslaughter) conviction carries a minimum sentence of 70 months. This relatively mild punishment is dictated by the aftereffects of Ballot Measure 11, which brought about tougher penalties for violent felonies.

What happened to the days when killing another person brought about serious consequences?

Compared to other ramifications for causing the death of an innocent person, six years in prison is wholly insignificant. Lopez is also facing charges of DUII, but still would face a maximum sentence of only a year in the county jail if convicted. With so many deaths caused by drunken driving every day, it makes no sense to have such tame penalties for those who endanger the lives of so many.

Ballot Measure 40, passed by the voters last fall, made prosecuting felonies easier and is a step in the right direction. But more needs to be done to protect society from dangerous offenders. Granted, Holtz's death was unintentional, but does that make it any less important or serious?

Part of the problem is our view of so- called "minor" violations. At the time of the killing, Lopez had been driving without a license, which was suspended for a prior "driving uninsured" charge. These two traffic violations are punishable only by small fines. If sanctions were harsher for driving uninsured or unlicensed, people like Lopez wouldn't be so cavalier about violating these laws.

Deputy District Attorney David Peters is prosecuting the case, and will be pushing for as strict a sentence as possible. Unfortunately, even if Lopez is found guilty, he will soon be back on the roads. Perhaps a harsher punishment for Lopez' initial "driving uninsured" charge would have kept him off of Marine Drive that Saturday morning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PTA unfairly portrayed

To the Editor:

I wish to correct a misconception regarding the "party patrol" meeting on December 16.

This meeting was neither sponsored nor endorsed by the PTA. It was sponsored by Core Team, a separate parent- staff committee. Some members of Core Team also belong to the PTA; PTA encourages all parents to participate in student life in whatever way they deem appropriate.

I invite Ms. Hopkins (Letters to the Editor, Jan. 29 issue) and any other interested parents (as well as staff and students) to join the PTA forum on "Raising Responsible Teenagers" to be held in April. We plan to discuss a wide spectrum of ideas for promoting responsible behavior.

- Wendy Gordon
PTA president

Late opening of school unsafe, unnecessary

To the Editor:

Why do our administrators insist on locking us out of our own school?

Every day students are made to wait outside the school until 7 a. m. This is done even though the school is open, and there are teachers in the building. This gives students who attend "0" period classes a 20- minute window to arrive at school.

The problem is that most buses don't come right at this time and many don't run at all. I personally fall into the latter category and have to catch a ride downtown with my neighbor.

I don't make my neighbor's schedule for her, and at times she has to take me to school before 7 a. m.

The argument made by the people who decided to institute this policy is that it is not safe to have students in the building before an administrator is there.

Can someone please tell me how it is any safer to lock students outside of the building rather than let them enter? I have yet to speak with a teacher or student who agrees with this new policy.

If the administrators want students to attend classes at 7:20 a. m. in the morning, they should not be burdening us with needless policies.

- Jake Oken-Berg
junior

LETTERS POLICY

The Cardinal Times welcomes signed letters to the editor. They may be submitted to Room 124 or to David Bailey's box in the main office. We request that letters be limited to 200 words or less. We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity, libel, and taste.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Reader response needs to be constructive

WASIM *Rahman*

I applaud those who have decided to take time and respond to our newspaper. You should know that we greatly value your criticism, praise and the opportunity you give us to better the publication. We are here to serve you, and only you can tell us when we're not meeting or exceeding your expectations.

Your involvement in our newspaper is crucial.

As some may already know, The Cardinal Times has been under a lot of scrutiny lately. In our attempt to provide you with the best newspaper, we have managed to offend and raise concerns with some of our readers. I would hope that anyone who finds anything in our paper objectionable would come directly to us, either orally or through a letter. Ideally, we would appreciate an explanation of your concern, as well as a method outlining how we can alleviate the problem.

Even though most of what we've received so far this year has been resolved, there continues to be a steady stream of criticism, usually oral, that I don't feel we deserve. Some have been completely childish, like a snide remark about too much coverage for one sports team, and not enough for another.

I've heard a variety of other complaints, however, most which have been, completely valid. Unfortunately, students prefer to be hurtful, in a somewhat joking manner. If you're honestly concerned, show us you're serious.

I remember reading a letter dropped off at the room last week. It was from a student who I believe is a bright and thoughtful person. Unfortunately, this person felt that it was appropriate to write a silly, condescending and somewhat insulting letter addressing a specific member of our staff.

There continues to be a steady stream of criticism, usually oral, that I don't feel we deserve.

Needless to say, this is not the kind of response, oral or written, that I expect from any member of our student body.

Although I'd like to consider our publication to have the same kind of place at school as The Oregonian has in Oregon, this fact remains: We're a high school newspaper. We're not journalists, but rather students of journalism, striving to adhere to high standards put before us.

My concern is that many of our readers, generally students, are comfortable with being critical in a less-than-thoughtful manner.

As readers, you should understand that your comments are taken seriously, and that we approach them in a professional manner.

It is unfair to our newspaper when the criticism we receive is poorly thought and intended to hurt, rather than help. I'm not asking that you reconsider any concerns you may have in regards to our publication, just that you address them professionally.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Senioritis: The column that writes itself

ALEX *Hughes*

Sitting amidst the piles of homework for my two-course class load, I'm searching for the energy to eradicate one of the most stifling afflictions feared by all high school students, senioritis.

To some, it's a shoulder-mounted devil bestowed upon them as early as the eighth grade, yet to others it's something they're still fighting off well into their senior year.

For me, senioritis was something I never caught. I was simply born with it. It wasn't until my freshman year that I realized that my extensive efforts of procrastination were the seeds of the harvest I find myself reaping. Now that I've reached the last semester of my high school career, I can finally enjoy the moment I've been preparing for since my graduation from kindergym.

In my attempt at exorcising this immobilizing quality, I find myself silently sinking into a sea of inertia without so much as a whimper.

I have trouble resisting the inevitable fact when I know the energy dispensed will greatly outweigh any benefits earned. Our final 67 days should not be wasted deriving functions or reciting commentaries. College will surely provide enough opportunities to put forth efforts in reaching any utopia of academic excellence.

After all, we are told that these are the best years of our lives. Why not simply enjoy them?

Is that so wrong?

Looking back on my high school career, I'm hoping that the past years will help me develop the ability to begin completing assignments on time, studying for tests, and finishing columns. But until then I have no choice but to give in to despising fact that senioritis will get the best of me.

NEWS CO-EDITOR

Prom still clings to that out-dated tradition

MORGAN *Harvey*

Spring is now steadily approaching as winter releases its icy grip of death from around us. With spring comes a mind-numbing multitude of important events as well as the beginning of the hazelnut harvest. One of the major events in the springtime is the junior/senior prom. Prom usually involves a bunch of people paying a horrendous amount of money to stand around and listen to some guy from Z100 play awful songs from the late '80s.

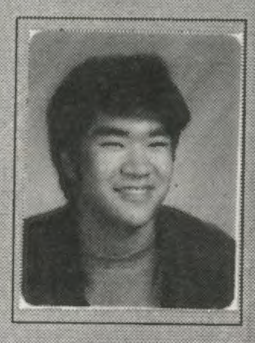
Usually there's a theme to go with this class-defining get-together, making an attempt at bringing back memories of great decades past. Prom themes are usually the same, often consisting of things such as "In the Sea," "Under the Sea," and "Over the Sea." We've had thematic get-togethers with music and decorations nostalgically telling of the '50s through '80s, but thankfully we haven't had a prom decorated in the style of the globe-conquering Tahitian empire. Here are some screwy, off-the-wall, cornball ideas for prom themes that I'd love to see:

- **Civil War:** For a band, all we'd need is annoying flute players and underage drummers, streaming patriotic choruses of Dixie. They could pass out artificial limbs as door prizes.
- **Spanish Inquisition:** Everyone comes dressed in red robes with funny red beanies. Every hour, on the hour, all heretics are burned at the stake in the middle of the football field. The truly adventurous can try out the rack.
- **Jell-O™ Night at the Multnomah Athletic Club swimming pool:** 'Nuff said on this one...
- **Cold War Communist Russia:** Everyone gets the same amount of food, same amount of dance space, same size table, chair, limousine, and cummerbund; and gets to see the midnight parade of special nuclear warheads built especially for prom. Don't try to get more, or, instead of going to some chic after-prom party, you'll mysteriously disappear from your home one night and turn up in the middle of the Siberian steppe.
- **CIA agents:** We'd be hearing things for weeks in the way of "I can't tell you who I'm going with; that's privileged information," "Falco is now crossing the dance floor," and "The purple duck flies at midnight." People would have to wear special clearance badges to get their food, and the music would consist of spy-movie soundtracks.
- **The IB All-Nighter:** The world's first all-night prom to be held on a weeknight, but not Monday, since chemistry is due on Tuesday. Vivarin, No-Doz, and a wide variety of caffeinated beverages will help students make it through the taxing affair as their friends give oral presentations on literary works and pieces by oppressed, Third-World authors. Afterwards, students will proceed directly from the ballroom to their zero-period classes.

I'd love to see a prom that is wacky, far-out, goofy, and just plain fun. Formality is a tradition of the prom, but can't we wear our black pants and girdles and still have fun at the same time?

voices IN THE HALLS

What did you think about the ESSC in-class assembly last Tuesday?



"We need to do more than discuss it during an assembly. Something needs to be done outside the classroom. Talking will only get you so far."

-Tad Dozono, senior

"There wasn't a lot of discussion among the students. It could've been much better if they would have solicited responses instead of dictating everything to us."

-Alex Langeberg, junior

"It was a lot less awkward than I expected. I'm not sure what the effects will be as a result of it, but I think it will help people raise awareness."

-Elizabeth Niemitz, sophomore

"The inherent idea was good. Unfortunately, the facilitators that we had weren't that prepared. In an assembly setting, you can't expect to have group interaction all of the time."

- Bryan Kopra, junior

"I think it was helpful but it needs more work in a follow-up session. We need to find a way to make more students aware of the problem."

-Carla Ueltschi senior

"Voices in the Halls" is conducted by the Associate Editors of The Cardinal Times

THE

JOCK STRIP

GIRLS' STATE SCHEDULE

Varsity girls' basketball is currently in fourth place in the PIL.

If they are still in fourth place after tonight, they will advance to the Class 4A State Tournament.

At the tournament, the girls would be matched against the third-place team from the Metro League, which is currently Beaverton, whose coach is former Lincoln coach Sean Coste. He led the Cardinals to a 5th-place finish at the State tournament last year.

Before the Cardinals get to the Chiles Center, however, they need to get through two more games in the preliminary bracket. Here are the Cards' projected match-ups for the preliminary bracket.

- First Round

Third-place team from the Metro League

Team currently in third: Beaverton

- Second Round

Third-place team from the Valley League

Team currently in third: West Albany

- Third Round

Second-place team from the Pac-7

Team currently in second: Silverton

A MODEST PROPOSAL

According to *USA Today*, the United States Olympic Committee is tossing around the idea of dropping the so-called Dream Team and return to selecting amateur athletes to play for the U.S. basketball team for the Olympics in the year 2000. Swami's proposal: Use the team that won the NCAA tournament that year. This will solve the problem created when good players are simply thrown together to play on a team and don't work well because they aren't used to each other.

OSAA BREAKS RELIGION

The Portland Adventist Academy and several students from the school have filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA).

Portland Adventist says that OSAA must modify the Class 2A boys basketball tournament so as to permit Portland Adventist to participate without playing in games held on Friday night and during the day on Saturday.

Portland Adventist says the OSAA's refusal to modify the tournament schedule violates the free exercise clause of the First Amendment, and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

JOCK OF THE WEEK

Mimi Alkire

In our attempt to expand the audience of sports readers, the inaugural Jock of the Week goes to ISC coordinator and Cal Tech graduate, Mimi Alkire.

After reciting her alma mater's fight song to her calculus class, we at *The Cardinal Times* tip our hats for her effort in involving the math-conscious students in athletic spirit.

Lend your voice in support and join hands and cheer in harmony to the Cal Tech fight song.

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GOOOOOO TECH!

Girls sweep District meet

The girls win nine events in the District meet, setting record times in four of them

BY MARK HWEE

The girls' swim team continuesd its streak of excellence by dominating all but two of the events held at the PIL District championships last Friday and Saturday.

"The girls ran away with the title after they won the first event," said assistant coach John Bogue.

The team won a total of nine races, breaking District record times in four of them. Senior national champion swimmer Lauren Thies broke two of the records. Thies broke the old 200-meter record by 4. 12 seconds. She also broke the 400-meter record by 6. 31 seconds.

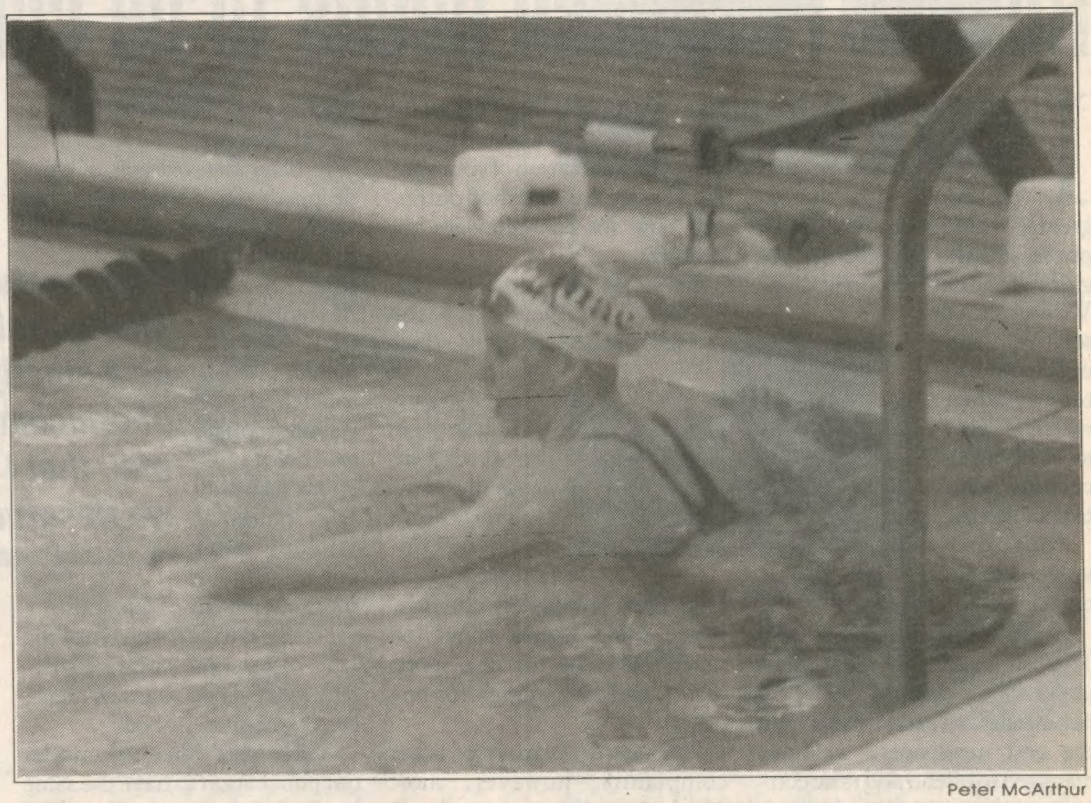
The team of junior Lindsay Haffner, Thies, and sophomores Katie Jurgenson and Anna Marie Smith broke records in both the 200-meter medley relay and the 400-meter freestyle relay by margins of . 92 and 1. 22 seconds respectively.

"The way these girls perform at their meets is phenomonal," said Bogue. "I think we have a good chance at winning State this year."

Lincoln will be sending seven girls and five alternates to the State meet at the Osborne Swim Center in Corvallis today and tomorrow begining at 3:30 p. m.

The only drawback that the Cards faced at the District meet was the disqualification of sophomore Katie Jurgenson. She swallowed water during the 100-yard butterfly, in which she was the number-one seed, and had to stop, causing an instant disqualification. Because of this, she will not be able compete in that event at State. Haffner will be missing State due to National competition. However after sitting out last year, Thies is optioning to compete at State instead of Nationals.

The Cardinals finished off the season atop the PIL once again with an unblemished 8-0 record.



Peter McArthur

In training: PIL recordbreaker senior Lauren Thies practices for State Competition.

SPORTS CO-EDITOR

A future without basketball ?

Molly Montgomery sits on the bench next to the coach, and rests her hand on her bum knee. She gazes out at the court and gives some words of encouragement to teammate Annie Davis as she dribbles up the court.

Flash forward to overtime. The lady Cards are down by five, and they have the ball. Molly is now standing and yelling, but her face shows her disappointment: She should be in the game, helping defeat the Generals. Instead, she's on the bench, in street clothes, nursing her torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

JOEL *Fowlks*

It happened in the Roosevelt game, Jan 31. Her leg was planted in a funny position and another player fell on it. Molly fell down and remembers screaming for a couple of minutes. Then she got the bad news: Her ACL had basically exploded. First comes surgery, then mass rehabilitation. She cannot play basketball for another 3-9 months. Maybe longer.

Molly has surgery on Feb. 28, and permanent screws will be installed to strengthen her joint. Then she will be on crutches for two weeks. Next, rehabilitation, which will consist of weight training, underwater resistance, and stationary biking. After all this, if everything goes according to plan, she should be able to play again normally.

Luckily, Molly's injury is nothing like Mike Utley's. He was a Detroit Lions football player who was paralyzed from the waist down while making a play during a game a few years ago. Molly will recover, but it will be a long, and difficult road. She is brave, however; her positive attitude shows she is up to the challenge.

But her story is a reminder that serious injuries can happen, in any sport and at any level. Sometimes competitiveness and physical sports create a dangerous mix.

We must find a way to prevent serious and life threatening injuries.

The thrill of victory doesn't outweigh the agony of paralysis.

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B-ball rides roller coaster season

The boys' team loses its 7th straight game to Cleveland 82-75

BY JOEL FOWLKS

The varsity boys' basketball team looks to stop a seven-game losing skid tonight as they visit Madison at 7:30 p. m.

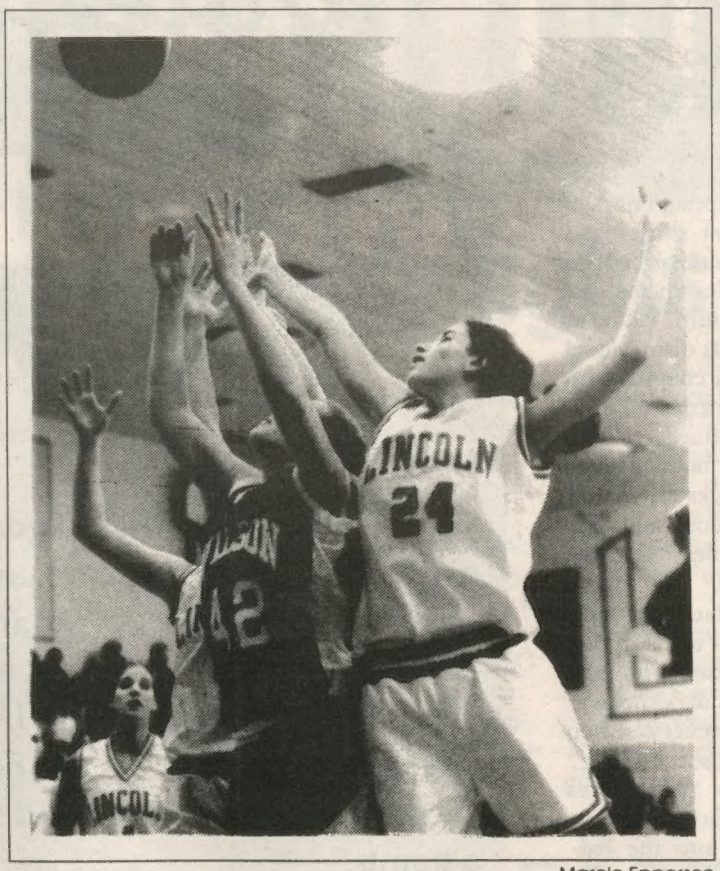
Last Wednesday Lincoln lost to Cleveland at home 82-75. Seniors Ford Montgomery and Brandon McFadden each scored 12 points, and junior Mike Dyal had 11. The team's last matchup with Cleveland resulted in a 75-72 victory, with Montgomery scoring 22 points, 11 of which were in the first quarter.

The Cards lost to Wilson last Friday 81-36. Montgomery and junior Ty Miller led the team with 10 points each. According to coach Mitch Whitehurst, Lincoln was clearly overmatched, giving up numerous rebounds and getting beat on fast breaks. "Wilson forced us to take bad shots," said Whitehurst. "They kept us from playing our style of basketball."

The game was the latest in a series of four blowouts that Lincoln has suffered. Lincoln lost 98-48 to Benson, 73-65 to Roosevelt and 80-63 to Jefferson over the last two weeks. The Cards will finish up the season with games against Madison, Grant, and Marshall.

Key players of late have been Montgomery, senior Brandon McFadden, and junior Mike Dyal, who filled in when junior Ty Miller was injured in the Wilson game.

"The last couple games of the year will depend on which Lincoln team show up," said Montgomery.



Marcie Epperson

It's gotta be the shoes: Senior Sara Barker rises above the rest to grab a rebound in the Cards 81-36 loss to Wilson.

The girls make their final run at a berth in the State tourney

BY REX PUTERBAUGH

With a spot at State up for grabs, the girls' basketball team prepares for its last regular season game of the year traveling to Madison to take on the Senators at 5:45 p. m.. Madison is currently ninth in the PIL with a 2-15 record.

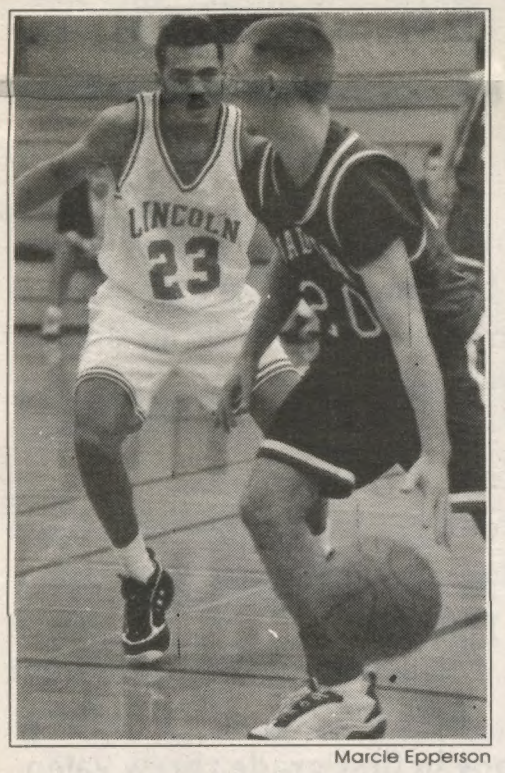
On Wednesday, the Cards crushed seventh-place Cleveland at Lincoln 54-31. Junior Annie Davis led the team with 11 points and senior Althea Rodgers scored 9.

The win, coupled with Benson's 66-41 loss to Jefferson on Wednesday, broke a fourth-place tie between Lincoln and Benson, and moved the girls into fourth place by themselves.

In order for the Cards to go to State, they must remain in fourth place. So either a Cardinal victory or a Benson loss today secures the girls a spot in the State tournament.

On Monday, the Cards lost to Grant in overtime 59-55. Senior Gina Pieretti led the team with 16 points. Pieretti commented, "It was a close game, and it shows that we can compete with the best in the PIL."

TOUGH DEFENSE



Marcie Epperson

Show me the money: Senior Brandon McFadden turns up the heat on defense against Madison, earlier this season. The Cards play the Senators tonight.

Underclassmen take swimming Districts

The Cardinals take three events at Districts, edging out Benson for the title

BY MARK HWEE

Freshman sensation Luke Ehkoff set a District record in the 100-meter breaststroke as the boys swim team won the PIL title last Saturday. Ehkoff barely broke the old record of 1:01.52 with a 1:01.42 time.

Benson swimmer Ari Berlin (1:01.22) also broke the old PIL district record.

"This was a real dog fight from the first event," said assistant coach John Bogue. "But the boys held up and really swam great. If we would have been disqualified in any of the events, we would have lost."

The boys won three out of 11 events and edged out Benson for the title by a score of 289 to 255.

The Cardinals will be sending five underclassmen to State and three underclassmen as alternates. State competition will be held today and tomorrow at the Osborne Swim Center in Corvallis.

STATE QUALIFIERS

100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley: Luke Ekhoff

200 medley relay: Eric Nadal, Ekhoff, Greg Nichols, Ian Martin

Freestyle relay: Ekhoff, Martin, Nikkolo McFallo, Nadal

IN THE ZONE
STAR ATHLETES

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM — wrestl.

Sophomore Kevin Cunningham has emerged as a team leader on the varsity wrestling team, filling in at 151 lbs. for junior Hunt Miller, who suffered a sprained ankle earlier this season.

Cunningham, who is 13-7 and 5-2 in the district, is likely to be ranked going into the District tournament later this month.

Last year he was the 142-lbs. runner-up at the freshman district meet. He is a one-year letterman wide receiver and defensive back in football. He also participates in Babe Ruth baseball and wrestles at Peninsula Park Community Center in the summer.

ALEX CLAY — b-ball

Junior Alex Clay is a starting guard on the varsity boys' basketball team. A notoriously hard worker, he has been perfecting his skills since he was six years old. This season, he has been one of the top scorers on the team, carning him his second letter.

Clay's first came from football, where he started the season at wide receiver, then later moved to tailback. In addition, Clay plans on trying out for the varsity baseball team this spring.

CAROLINE WALL — skiing

Freshman Caroline Wall is a versatile new asset to Lincoln girls sports. She participates in a total of four sports during the year.

In the fall, Wall runs cross country. She finished in the top 10 in the District meet this year. In the winter, she competes on both the JV girls basketball and ski teams. She won her last ski race moving her up to a number-two ranking in the Three Rivers League, (the league Lincoln participates in for skiing). This year Wall helped the women's varsity to a fifth-place league standing. In the spring Wall is planning on trying out for the tennis team. She credits her success to the inspiration her family and friends give her.

CALENDAR
cardinal events

Today

Frosh boys' basketball vs. Madson, 6 p.m.
Frosh girls' basketball vs. Madison, 6 p.m.
JV girls' basketball @ Madison, 4 p.m.
JV boys' basketball vs. Madison, 4:15 p.m.
Varsity girls' basketball @ Madison, 5:45 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball @ Madison, 7:30 p.m.
Swimming and diving State meet @ Osborne Swim Center

Wednesday

J.V. boys basketball @ Grant, 5:45 p.m.
Varsity boys basketball @ Grant, 7:30 p.m.

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Congratulations to Athletic Director Mark Brazo! He'll be sitting courtside at the next Blazer game courtesy of the CT. Stay tuned for the next prize giveaway three weeks before the end of regular season.

Staff Contestants

Mark Brazo - 16670
Richard McPartland - 14788
Stephen Runion - 14465
John Bogue - 14149
Josh Pomeroy - 13590
Paul Erickson - 12360
John Fraser - 11910

Top 30 Students

Swami - 16489
Joel Sahli* - 16017
Jules Bailey - 15221
Aaron Green* - 15216
Rex Puterbaugh* - 14845
Joel Fowlks* - 14541
Todd Merkens - 14495
David Sachtler - 14416
Chris Ruecker - 14387
Daniel Lerner - 14278
Marcie Epperson* - 14263
Matthew Wade - 14237
Ford Montgomery - 14207
Bill Foote - 14167
Meghan McCarthy - 14123
Colin Powell - 14007
Ben Amster* - 13970
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Chris Braun - 13938
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Geoff Hendricks - 13893
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Jeff Chaney - 13851
Aaron Knott - 13760
Tyke Carkonen - 13639
Kevin Cunningham - 13598
Jihad Qutub - 13571
Lach Litwer* - 13502
Molly Franz - 13489
Robbie Greenman - 13422

*ineligible contestants

PETER'S PICKS

The Best February Holidays

With each new season come new holidays. This week alone is packed full of federally recognized celebrations held in honor of great national heroes. The twelfth, for example, was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. This was a man who united, through warfare, a splintered nation, and emancipated the slaves. Monday is Presidents' Day, the combined tribute to Lincoln and George Washington, who fought valiantly against the British during the American revolution, may have cut down a cherry tree, and perhaps helped establish this country as a global economic and military superpower. And today is Valentine's Day, the third holiday taking place in this seven-day period, held in honor of a little flying cherub, armed to the teeth and known to shoot for that largest and most important muscle in the human body - no, not the epidermis - the heart.

No doubt there are other, less recognized, but still valid periods of celebration this month, but we do not have the space nor the time to explain the merits of Dog Catchers' Weekend or the textile industry's myriad mandatory training workshops for middle managers.

In any case, the contest here is one between V-Day, P-Day, and Abe-Day. In the end, P-Day won. And although the race was close between P-Day and Abe-Day, V-Day barely made it past the qualifying round, where we judge for appropriateness, and then only because a certain greeting card company paid off three of our holiday testers.

Those of us who are above accepting bribes of two-for-one coupons and company t-shirts found the concept of Valentine's Day ultimately self-serving, in that only people who allow themselves to be brainwashed by mass-media into "falling in love" seem to enjoy it. This, on its own, would seem innocent enough, but when coupled with the more alarming (and sadistic) element of that little murderer, no matter how angelic, who picks his victims at random and lobs projectiles into their chests, the whole "love" business simply gets out of hand. We don't care what you do in a dark theater, or wherever else you do that sort of thing, but for gosh sakes don't bring this insanity into the hallowed halls of Lincoln High School!

FEBRUARY'S BEST HOLIDAYS

1. PRESIDENT'S DAY
2. LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
87. VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY'S MOST UNAPPRECIATED HOLIDAYS

1. POLICE STATE WEEKEND
2. THE HOUR OF INDECISION
3. COMATOSE TUESDAY

On the other hand, we thought everyone could enjoy a good, old fashioned military parade, so the vote was unanimous for Presidents' Day. This way we can celebrate the lives of both George and Abe with a great show of our nation's power and a day off from school. Our only problem is that American military parades are typically showcases for dressed-up Marines who wave flags and fake wooden guns. What ever happened to the the foot soldiers in fatigues, carrying M-16 rifles? The mechanized infantry? The artillery? The fully armed tanks rolling down mainstreet, peppering the hills of our fair city with fireworks and live ammunition? Even our distinguished panel didn't know the answer to this question. Maybe cupid got 'em.

MUSIC events

A CELTIC PUNK FIDDLER?!

Ashley MacIsaac, a Celtic fiddle player, plays anything but conventional highlander tunes. He has taken the ancient folk tunes and fused them with industrial, grunge, punk, rock, and "new age" Celtic music, dubbing his art multi-media fiddling.

His music has been described as "barbaric and devilish." He has just released HI™ HOW ARE YOU TODAY?, which has already gone platinum in Canada.

You can find a free performance by Ashley MacIsaac and free beverages at the northwest Music Millennium on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. He will be playing the same night at Berbati's Pan.

-by Matt Hickey

AN ACOUSTIC BLUES PLAYER?!

Apensive acoustic guitar player, Chris Smither is a solo musician and a master of "American roots music." He has been touring and recording for 20 Colleges want scholars that will be givers years and has released eight albums in that time of a consistently high quality.

His latest, SMALL REVELATIONS, has been hailed as a "brilliant and understated recording." Artists such as Bonnie Raitt and John Mayall have recorded his songs.

You can pick up a free lunch and a live performance from Chris Smither at the northwest Music Millennium on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at noon.

-by Matt Hickey

IF YOU FORGOT YOUR VALENTINE, CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.
(Don't forget to fill in the blanks.)

HAPPY
Valentine's Day

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Valentine MEMORIES

"I really liked this girl, so I got me and a couple of my buddies to go and sing under her window."
-Adam Berkowitz, junior

"I put a bouquet of flowers in this girl's mailbox, and I called her to tell her there was a surprise in her mailbox, and she thought it was a bomb."
-Anonymous

"I had to work last Valentine's Day, and a secret admirer sent me flowers."
-Allison Baer, junior

"When I was little, my grandpa gave me this big heart full of chocolates. My mom said she'd keep it safe for me, and so she put it under her bed. When I looked for it the next day, they were all gone because she had eaten them."
-Chiara Juster, junior

"In fourth grade, my teacher forced the big bully who liked to beat me up to write me a valentine. The funny thing is the teacher didn't like me either. I never figured it out."
-Zach Spier, senior

"When I was in second grade, this boy that liked me gave me a fruit rollup with those neat cut out shapes. It was yummy."
-Sara Moskowitz, senior

"I remember this boy in first grade threw valentines into the window of my school bus for me the week before and after Valentine's Day. I wish that guys were still like that."
-Jessica Joy, senior

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